

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the August 8, 2008 Office Action and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: